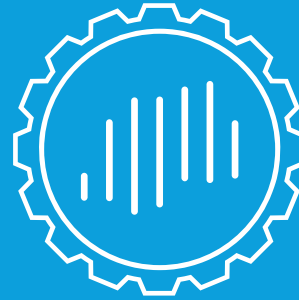


How to apply

- ✓ It is a competitive process through which only the best project proposals will be selected. A two steps selection process through which applicants will undergo:
 - For step one, fill the application form found on NIRDA open calls portal (www.opencalls.nirda.gov.rw)
 - If this is approved, you will be invited to submit a full Project Application
- ✓ NIRDA staff can provide necessary support upon request
- ✓ All proposals must be submitted through the NIRDA Open calls portal: www.opencalls.nirda.gov.rw
- ✓ **Deadline for Applications: 30th November 2020**

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About NIRDA

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NIRDA is launching the 2020-2021-Open Calls program, aimed at bringing your business to the next level by supporting you to address your technological and technical barriers to your growth and competitiveness.

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NIRDA is ready to partner with capable businesses in order to improve your competitiveness and productivity (better quality and/or prices), by helping you to:

- ✓ Purchase, adapt and make better use of technology (such as equipment, tools, machines, software) – as a repayable facility at 0% interest rate, no fees, no collateral.

However, NIRDA does not give out cash to industries but rather provides the

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- ✓ Benefit from cost-free technical and business advice to support the growth of your business – improving production and management.
- ✓ Train you and your staff and management on the best technology, quality production processes, and business and marketing strategies.

Who can apply?

The applicants must have been operational in the natural stone value chain for the last three years and registered with Rwanda Development Board (RDB) or Rwanda Cooperative Agency (RCA).

Application Criteria

- The aspiring company or cooperative must already be in processing of natural stones (not only extracting);
- The aspiring applicant must be employing at least 4 employees;
- The applying company or cooperative must have a sufficient space to host a typical processing plant of natural stones (including but not limited to the reception of inputs,